Statement

The quantity and value of Unmanufactured Tobacco exported to major destination during 1985-86 is given below :-

(Qty. in 000' Tonnes Val : in Rs. Crores)

S. No.	Country	Quantity	Value
1.	USSR	31.70	79.68
2.	U. K.	9.5	24.25
3.	YAR	6.46	5.95
4.	NEPAL	3 03	4.30
5.	ALGERIA	1.70	4.13
6.	GDR	1.62	4.12
7.	IRISH REP	0.74	1.92
8.	GERMANY F.R	0.58	1.85
9.	S.ARABIA	1 64	1.66
TOTAL including of others:		*64.43	*139.98

*Provisional.
SOURCE : Tobacco Board. Guntur

Steps to improve the functioning of the Income Tax Department

1383. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of ITOs. Assistant Commissioners and Commissioners of Income-tax in the Income-tax Department who were (i) dismissed/compulsorily retired and (ii) suspended and on whom major and minor penalties were emposed or inquiries conducted by the C.B.I. during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto June, 1986) on charges of corruption, inefficiency disproportionate assets and dereliction of duty;

(b) whether it is a fact that corruption is rampant in the Income-tax Department; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint and Expert Committee to suggest steps to revamp and reorganise the administrative machinery in the Income-tax Department; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) (i) and (ii) In 1984, four ITOs were dismissed/compulsorily retired/removed from service and 10 ITOs were suspended. Major penalty was imposed on one ITO on charges of corruption and inefficiency on the basis of enquiries conducted by the C.B.I.

In 1985, 4 ITOs were dismissed or compulsorily retired or removed from service and 13 ITOs were suspended. Minor penalty was imposed on one ITO on the basis of enquiries conducted by the C.B.I. 3 Inspecting Assistant Commissioners and 1 Commissioner of Income Tax were suspended.

In 1986, 2 ITOs were dismissed or compulsorily retired or removed from service and 2 ITOs were suspended.

(b) No, Sir. There is no material to show that corruption is rampant in the Income-tax Department.

(c) No, Sir.

Press report regarding exploitation of child labour

1384. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report captioned 'Child Labour-wanton exploitation' which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* of 17th June, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Harbans Singh Commission report on problems of child labour in Ramnathpuram has not been made public; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the findings and suggestions of the Commission; and

(d) whether any of the suggestions of the Commission have been implemented, if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons for not implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Harbans Singh Commission was appointed by the State Government of Tamil Nadu and therefore action on the report has to be taken by them.

यूनियन बैंक आफ इंडिया, कविनगर शाखा (गाजियाबाद) के प्रबन्धक के विरुद्ध आरोप

1385. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यूनियन बैंक आफ इंडिया कविनगर शाखा (गाजियाबाद) के प्रबन्धक के विरुद्ध जिनो प्रतिभूतियों के लाखों रुपये का ऋण देने के एक मामले का पता लगा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) संबंधित अधिकारी के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) से (ग) यूनियन बैंक आफ इंडिया ने सूचित किया है कि बैंक की गाजियाबाद स्थित कवि नगर शाखा के प्रबंधक ने अपने रिश्तेदारों तथा शाखा के कर्मचारियों के रिस्तेदारों को बिना पर्याप्त प्रतिभूतियों के 5.52 लाख रुपये तक ऋणों का भुगतान किया था। बैंक ने आगे यह भी बताया है कि उसे खाता प्रबंधक के पद से हटा दिया गया है और वसूली अधिकारी बना दिया है। बैंक ने यह भी बताया है कि बड़ी सजा देने के लिए उसके खिलाफ कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी गई है। बैंक के ऋणकर्ताओं को दिए गये अग्रिमों की वसूली के लिए उनके विरुद्ध कानूनी कार्रवाई भी शुरू कर रहा है।

Excise duty on DMT

1386. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that PTA, which is an alternate raw material to DMT, is subject to excise duty while DMT is exempted;

(b) what are the reasons for which Government are extending a step-motherly treatment to PTA and PTA users, which is supposed to be a better and more efficient raw material; and

(c) whether by levying excise duty on PTA Government want to reduce the growth of this industry in India in spite of the fact that they have already given licences for PTA production of 75,000 tonnes per annum in the private sector and 150,000 tonnes per annum in the public sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) PTA attracts excise duty, but DMT is exempted from excise duty. In some ways PTA and DMT can be used for the same end product.

(b) & (c) PTA production is yet to be established in the country. When it does, Government will consider its cost data and examine the excise duty burden it can bear as compared to DMT, so that there is no discriminatory treatment.

False statement by Pak P.M. on attack by India on his country

1387. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to Pakistan Prime Minister's false allegation at a meeting of the Foreign Policy Assocation in New York on July 22, 1986 that late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi was planning to launch an attack on his country in May, 1984;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to contradict such a blatantly false statement; and

(c) whether Government have made it clear in positive terms that such malicious statements by the Pakistan leader would hinder normalisation of relation between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Government had categorically contracted this false allegation. It has been pointed out, on different occasions, to the Pakistan Government that such false and malicious statements have a negative impact on the development of friendly relations between the two countries.

Forcible occupation of Indian Embassy in Santiago in Chile

1388. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 21st May, 1986 five persons forcibly occupied the Indian Embassy in Santiago in Chile in protest against police swoops on working class area of the city;

(b) if so, whether any damage was caused to the Indian Embassy building and also on the lives and property of the Indian officials; and